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MEMORANDUM

From: Director of Naval Intelligence
To: Director of Central Intelligence

Subj: SE-46 - Probable Long Term Development of Soviet Bloc and Western Power Positions

1. I concur in the draft of SE-46 dated 30 June except for the points noted below.

2. Since I cannot agree with paragraph 15 as written, I request that if this paragraph is allowed to stand, it be accompanied by the following footnote:

"The Director of Naval Intelligence believes that this paragraph should read as follows:

15. The development of Bloc and Western power positions during the next fifteen years will be significantly affected by their relative conventional military capabilities, with or without the accompanying use of atomic weapons. Bloc military forces are being continuously modernized and strengthened, and will continue to pose a serious threat to areas around the Bloc periphery. The West will probably remain superior to the Bloc in quality of weapons, in the application of technology to military uses, and in its ability to control the seas. The West will increase substantially its relative power position if it can develop local military capabilities in key areas around the Bloc periphery and can maintain forces-in-being capable of quick despatch to such areas in case of emergency."

3. It is my understanding that the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, has proposed that the first sentence of paragraph 13 be changed to read as follows:

"The US is losing, if it has not already lost, its long standing invulnerability to crippling attack, and with it the immense strategic advantage of being able to conduct the traditionally deliberate and extensive post-D-Day mobilization."

I desire to associate myself with this proposal, or with a footnote resulting therefrom should the present reading of the sentence in question be allowed to stand.

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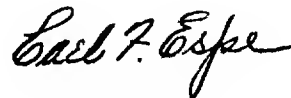
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4. It is also my understanding that the Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State, has proposed that the word "pressure" be substituted
for the words "policy for achieving important gains" in the last sentence
of paragraph 12. I concur with this recommendation.



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